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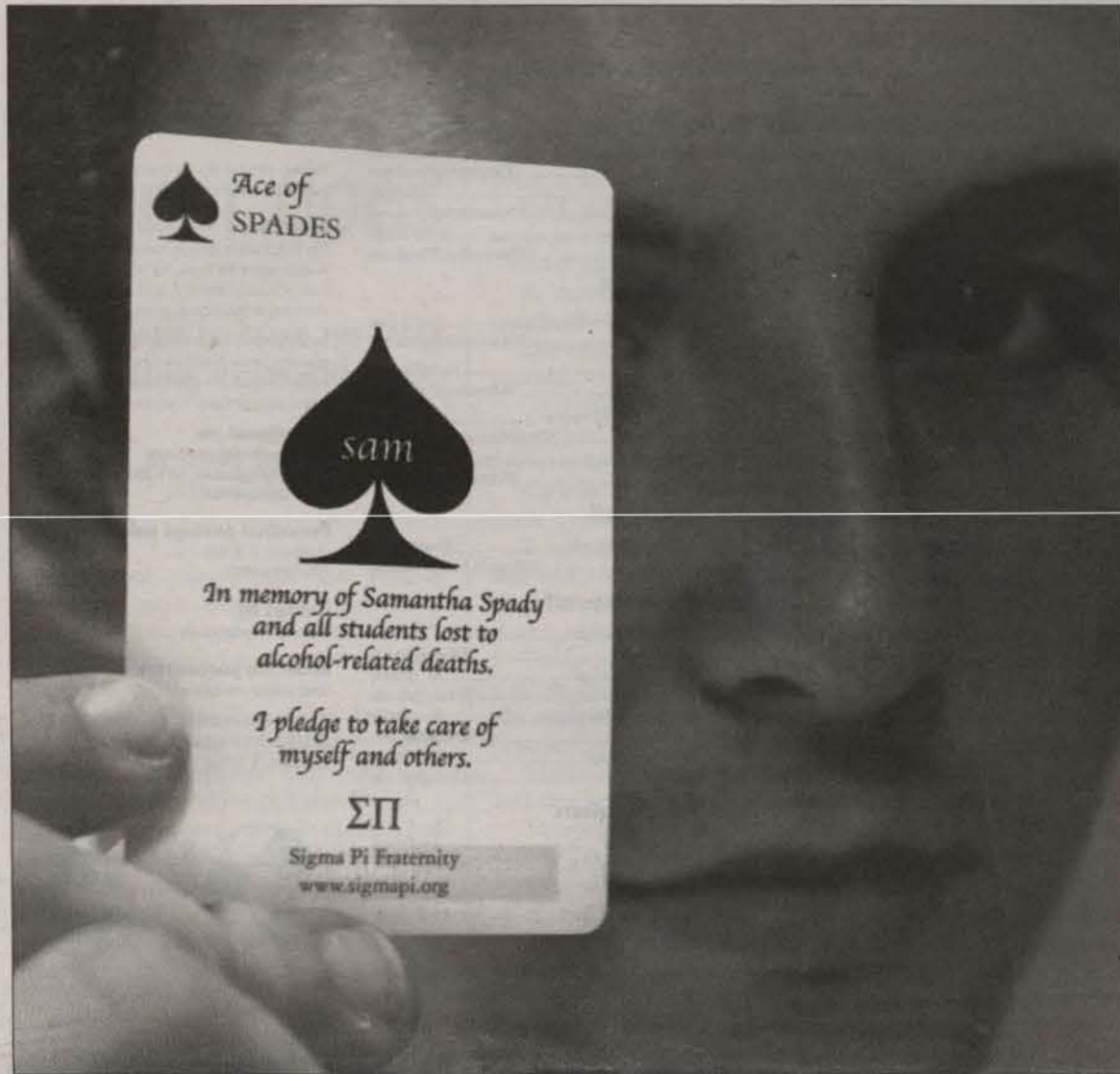
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CAMPUS | CAMPUS SAFETY



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sigma Pi president Mike McKenna, a sophomore corporate communications major, holds up an ace of "Spades" card, which were given out at the Sam Spady Alcohol Awareness program at Buzzard Auditorium on Monday. The cards have a tutorial on what to do with someone who has had too much to drink.

Deadly drinking

Sigma Pi educates peers on alcohol consumption

By Stacy Smith
Greek Life Reporter

Sam Spady died from alcohol poisoning on Sept. 5, 2004.

A Sigma Pi chapter house member found her dead in a guest room while giving his mother a tour.

After the 19-year-old's death, the chapter closed, and the house was turned into a Christian student gathering place called Lighthouse.

"It opens your eyes how quickly you can lose your chapter like they did," said Mike McKenna, president of Eastern's Sigma Pi chapter.

More than 100 people attended Sigma Pi's philanthropy program on alcohol awareness Monday to view a documentary on Sam Spady, a student at Colorado State University.

McKenna said he thinks many students who consume alcohol drink as an academic relief.

"You bust your ass all week, and students use it as a way to relax," he

said.

According to a survey distributed by the American College Health Association in 2006, 30 percent of students have not consumed alcohol within the past month and 24 percent of students spend less than two to three hours at a time drinking alcohol.

The association distributed surveys to college students concerning substance abuse, tobacco and alcohol consumption called social norms.

Every two years the surveys are distributed to get the message out that students don't drink as much as people think, said Amber Shaverdi, a graduate student in the College of Student Affairs.

Shaverdi spoke during the program to help educate people of warning signs of alcohol poisoning.

"I'm happy with the turnout from the fraternity community," she said. "It shows a sense of responsibility and making a priority to help improve the campus."

Depending on the international headquarters, some chapters have risk management programs.

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'Today, we're talking about life'

Eighth annual conference on suicide prevention focuses on students

By Angela Pham
Staff Reporter

Catherine Knobbe understands the importance of spreading awareness about suicide prevention first-hand.

Knobbe said her mother suffers from depression and has attempted suicide.

As an audience member at the counseling center's 8th annual conference on suicide prevention, Knobbe, a sophomore elementary education major and Alpha Sigma Alpha member, said she could relate to the information discussed throughout the event.

"I liked the coping strategies," Knobbe said.

The conference and dinner on Monday night opened with Sandy Cox, director of the counseling center, establishing the purpose of the event.

"Today, we're talking about life," said Cox.

The event drew more than 200 people to the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union — a number that Cox said

was larger than expected.

She said she was pleased with the number of students in attendance this year. Greek students are especially supportive of the annual event, she said, and participation from the audience throughout the presentations was "amazing."

This year's theme was to focus on the students, said counselor Mike Tozer.

Counselors discussed problems that commonly affect college students.

Tozer covered the topics of pain and drugs and featured a Powerpoint presentation with photos of brains before and after assorted drug use.

Audience members appeared especially surprised when shown photos of a brain with decreased pre-frontal cortex and temporal lobe activity after regular marijuana use.

Tozer emphasized that drugs are a temporary method for coping with pain.

"(It) creates more pain than it relieves," Tozer said.

Ateka Contractor, a graduate student in clinical psychology, said she learned the most from Tozer's drug presentation.

"I was not too aware of the substance things," Contractor said.



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Maggie Foss, a freshman health studies major, practices a relaxation breathing exercise taught by the counseling center's Cara Pschirrer during the annual conference on suicide at the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday.

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Anderson earns award

Collaboration earns him accolades as a state-wide member of the year

By Matt Hopf
Student Government Reporter

Student Body President Sean Anderson was named Member of the Year at the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee. This was partially because of his Campus Safety Initiative: Illinois and his work to get funding for campus safety for Illinois schools.

Anderson has been working with State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, on getting the state to make campus safety a priority.

"I have to credit everyone who goes to the committee," Anderson said. "They work really hard."

Anderson, whose term as student body president ends in April, will continue to work with IBHE-SAC next year.

A legislative chair is being created on IBHE-SAC executive board.

Anderson plans to run for the position.

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ALCOHOL | BINGE DRINKING

Students drink to get drunk

Survey shows ISU students consume an average of 9.2 drinks per week

By Vanessa Kaspar

The Daily Vidette (Illinois State U.)

(U-WIRE) NORMAL — College drinking is not a new concept for people to grasp, but the way college students are drinking these days and the reasons, is something that may startle the nation.

Last week, a report was released by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

This report argues that not only are young adults using substances, they are consuming them in an excessive fashion.

According to Andy Novinska, staff counselor for Student Counseling Services at Illinois State University, binge drinking has been a hot topic for the last five years, and the definition of a binge varies by person.

Novinska finds the definition from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism the most acceptable because it also has a time limit for drinks consumed, which is four drinks for women and five drinks for men in a two-hour period.

ANDY NOVINSKA | STAFF COUNSELOR

"We should have more Friday morning classes and more emphasis on academics."

"Most of the students I see drink to get drunk," Kathy O'Connell, alcohol and drug interventionist for Student Health Services, said.

O'Connell added there is also a lot of "pregaming," or historically, a small group getting together with the purpose of getting drunk occurring before students go out to drink.

A typical reason students "pregame" is because they are uncomfortable meeting people unless they are buzzed, according to O'Connell.

O'Connell said other reasons students give for drinking are to "get high" or "get together with friends." Women want to drink with people they know for security and their consumption does not differ much from men's.

According to Novinska, in the 2006 ISU Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, ISU is above the national average in nearly every category. According to the report, 81.4 percent of ISU participants said they had consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, when students nationwide had used 71.4 percent in the same category.

Nearly 38 percent of ISU

students reported that they consumed alcohol at least three times a week or more, when the national average was 23.5 percent.

The average number of drinks consumed by ISU students per week was 9.2 drinks when the national average was 5.8 drinks.

28.2 percent of ISU students reported being hurt or injured as a result of drinking or drug use in their lifetime. The national average for that category was 15.6 percent.

"We know that 90 percent of people who drink graduate and later moderate drinking and regulate use. The 10 percent who continue to have problems with alcohol had problems prior to college," Novinska said.

"We should have more Friday morning classes and more emphasis on academics," Novinska suggested.

Novinska also recommends for students to have one non-alcoholic drink per alcoholic drink consumed and to only have one alcoholic drink per hour if they are going to drink.

"It's not telling students zero tolerance, but having students drink safely and responsibly," O'Connell said.

UTILITIES | STUDENT BILLS

'Energy hogs' will have to pay

University of Illinois at Springfield cracks down on energy in campus apartments

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Students at the University of Illinois at Springfield who use too much power in their campus apartments will soon see bigger bills from the university. Starting next month,

students using more than 10 percent above the average utility usage for their apartment complex will have to pay for their actual usage, said John Ringle, the school's director of housing and residential life.

During the past few years, students have been charged an average rate for utilities that includes Internet, water and electricity. But about 25 percent of students in campus apartments consistently have high utility bills — with some "energy hogs" racking up monthly bills of \$350 to \$400, Ringle said.

Last month, students received e-mails from the university explaining the upcoming changes. Those within the average usage were congratulated for conserving energy, but students who went over the limit were told how much their bill would have been under the new plan.

Ringle said the move will keep costs down and educate the students about conservation.

"They have a responsibility not only to us, but in terms of thinking globally," he said.

LITERATURE | CENSORSHIP

Libraries ban children's book

Award-winning book comes off shelves for controversial word

By Matthew Gross

The Daily Vidette (Illinois State U.)

(U-WIRE) NORMAL — The word scrotum does not appear too much outside of anatomy textbooks, or even in children's literature, but there it is on the first page of "The Higher Power of Lucky."

The Newbery Award-winning book has caused quite a stir recently over its use of the word, which some people find inappropriate in a book aimed at young reader.

In the challenged passage, 10-year-old Lucky Trimble overhears another character say that a rattlesnake bit his dog on the scrotum.

The book's author, Susan Patron, has said that the rattlesnake bite

incident was based on a true story involving a friend's dog.

The book has already been banned in elementary school libraries in a handful of states for its use of the word, with many other schools following suit.

While some librarians are refusing to order the book, others see the gesture as nothing short of censorship.

"The importance of 'The Higher Power of Lucky' is not the single word and I don't think you should censor a book because of a single word," Jan Susina, associate professor of English at Illinois State University, said. "No library can have all the books in the world. I don't think you should not order a book just because it's controversial, yet there are some books that seem inappropriate."

Julie Derden, teaching materials librarian at Milner Library, said that while she had not read "The Higher Power of Lucky," she did

not see anything wrong with using an anatomically correct word.

"It doesn't matter to me whether it would be a pet or a person," Derden said. "Since this was something that was based on a true story, or even if the incident itself were a work of fiction, I don't see the big deal in the context in which it's used. It's not as if they're using profanity, in my opinion, for shock value."

The book has reopened the debate of what is appropriate in children's literature as well as the librarian's role in selecting books for the school.

"Censorship is when you actually remove the book, if you don't order a book, they would argue it's book selection," Susina said. "That's the thing about censorship, if you don't want to read the book, don't read the book."

Derden said she felt it is a librarian's duty to inform students, not protect them.

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campusbriefs

AIDS in Africa to be discussed tonight at Tarble Arts Center

» Students can hear an account of the effects AIDS has on a family in the African country of Burkina Faso.

The presentation, titled "Paglayiri: Woman Home. Marie and Christiane's Story," will take place at 5 p.m. today in the Tarble Arts Center.

—Tearria Ruffin, Campus Reporter

Alumni services to meet to plan upcoming events

» The first meeting of the Coles County Alumni Events Steering Committee will take place tonight from 6:30-7:30 at AJ's Restaurant.

All Eastern alumni in the Coles County area are invited to help shape the look of upcoming events for local Eastern grads.

For more information, call 800-ALUM-EIU or e-mail alumeiu@eiu.edu.

—Kaitlyn Lonkar, Staff Reporter

Faculty Senate to discuss problems with faculty elections

» The Faculty Senate will hold a meeting tomorrow to discuss the faculty elections that occurred last week.

The Information Technology Center had some difficulties running this election, causing the senate to extend the election period, said Assege HaileMariam, senate chair.

The meeting will be at 2 p.m. today in Booth Library Room 4440.

—Jess Kinsella,
Faculty Senate Reporter

policereport

» **DUI** - On March 20, Amanda M. Walker, 21, of Decatur, Ill. was arrested at 1:24 a.m. at Fourth Street and Grant Avenue in Charleston on charges of driving under the influence.

» **Theft** - On March 20, it was reported that a red Roadmaster mountain bike was stolen from a Pemberton Hall bike rack.

» **Theft** - On March 20, it was reported that U.S. currency, Mexican pesos and Scottish pounds were stolen from a wallet left unattended in Coleman Hall. The incident is under investigation.

» **Hit and Run** - On March 23, it was reported that a 2002 Chevrolet was struck and damaged by another vehicle while parked in the Ninth Street Hall parking lot.

ourmistakes

» Jillian Blondell's name was misspelled on Page 7 of Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The DEN regrets the error.

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CAMPUS | FUNDRAISING

Relay won't stop until cancer does

Teams hope to raise research funds during overnight walk

By Tearria Ruffin
Campus Reporter

Last year, more than 1.4 million Americans were diagnosed with cancer according to Angela Wenhe, health initiative manager for American Cancer Society.

Colleges Against Cancer and American Cancer Society in Champaign work together to help people that have been affected by cancer through Relay for Life.

"Everyone knows someone that has had cancer," said Matt Thompson, president of CAC. "It's a good way to try to put a stop to the disease."

Relay for Life is an overnight event where teams take turns walking or running laps.

RELAY FOR LIFE

- » **When:** 6 p.m. March 30 – 6 a.m. March 31
- » **Where:** The Panther Trail
- » **Donation:** \$25 per team
- » **Deadline for registration:** March 30

Shayne Squires, ACS regional media communications manager, said that the Relay helps fund research that may save lives.

"Research is critical and research touches everyone's life no matter where you live," Squires said.

More than a half a million Americans died from cancer in 2006. Twenty-six thousand of those cases were from the state of Illinois. Thompson said that many of his friend's family members died from cancer and he said he wanted to show sympathy by participating in CAC.

"Anytime someone goes through that it is a rough time," Thompson said. "It is my way of showing that I care."

Like Thompson, three teenagers wanted to take action in the fight against cancer. Richard Bajner, Jeff Cerretto and Amy Garrison founded CAC in 2001. University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University were the first chapters established. Lisa Amacher, income development representative of ACS, said CAC and Relay are great opportunities to gain leadership in college.

"It really says something about your personality," Amacher said.

Although 38 teams have signed up to participate in Relay, ACS and CAC still need to reach their goal of 50 teams.

"With any big event, you have challenges, but it works out at the end," Amacher said.

Relay for Life raised more than 18 million dollars last year. Even though the walk may not be easy, Amacher said that Relay is a celebration of life. ACS, CAC and supporters must continue to push forward for the cure.

"Cancer doesn't stop," Amacher said. "So we don't either."

For further information go to www.acsevents.org/relay/il/eiu.

CAMPUS | PRESENTATION

Foreign-born professors talk immigration

By Lakita Coleman
Staff Reporter

Debra Reid has done the research. In her studies, Reid has found that immigrants want to come to the United States for several reasons, such as personal tragedy or families already living in the United States.

Reid was one of three Eastern professors to speak in a panel on immigrant women in Illinois Monday night.

Reid specializes in researching Polish immigrants, specifically Catholic women in Illinois.

She said some immigrated for religious reasons.

"It would be better to be Catholic somewhere else rather than in Poland where they could be forced to be Lutheran," she said.

Catholic records gave women's names, which made it easier to track families in her research.

Reid had ancestors who lived just east of Chester and told stories of her ancestors. St. Mary Help of Christians Church in Chester was formed in 1848 during early migration.

Daiva Markelis, an assistant professor in the English department, also spoke. She specializes in the study of Lithuanian women and their literacy practices in the United States.

Markelis can read and speak Lithuanian, and said that her studies are rewarding.

She spoke about some of the differences between Lithuanian and Polish immigrants.

"Very often, Lithuanian men would come here, work, and then go back," she said.

The Polish would come here with their families and stay.

She also said Polish families would migrate toward southern Illinois, while Lithuanian men



KELLY MARIE CREMENT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Debra Reid, associate professor of history, talked about the descent of Polish immigrants in southern Illinois Monday night in Lumpkin Auditorium.

tended to migrate to places like Pennsylvania or the Chicago Stockyards.

The final speaker, Doris Nordin, is of Mexican descent. She is part of the Newman Catholic Center and came to Charleston five years ago.

She is also part of a group called Amigos and Friends, which is composed of Eastern students who teach English to Spanish speakers from Mattoon and Charleston.

Nordin said that most Mexicans who came to the United States in the past were men who worked in the fields.

"Now it is more common to see women

CITY | BAR SHUTTLES

Increased bar hours could mean more student fees

Student Senate committee plans to present bar hour extension ordinance to City Council

By Sarah Whitney
Senior Reporter

If bar hours are increased, student fees could go up, too.

Members of the Student Senate External Relations Committee are investigating the possibility of including a third bus to incorporate an express route if the bar hours increase.

The fee increase would pay for the additional bus and range from \$.75 to \$1.50 per student, said Committee Chair Kent Ohms.

The 10 students in attendance took the news in stride, saying that the additional cost was worth getting back to campus safely.

Jackie Kelley, a communication disorders science major, said she was expecting the increase to be closer to \$.50.

In addition to asking for students' feedback on the fee increase, senate member Adam Martinelli asked students to brainstorm ideas committee members could present to the City Council to help persuade it to pass a city ordinance extending the bar hours.

The ideas brainstormed are as follows:

Shuttle bus express route

Tom Noble, H&H shuttle bus manager, explained the additional bus would run one route from the Square to Lincoln Ave.

"It would run a 10 to 12 minutes loop," he said.

Eric Davidson, director of the Health Education Resource Center, said he was concerned with the bus acquiring a reputation as a "drunk bus."

"Be careful that it doesn't become something that enables students to go out and get drunk," he said.

Davidson said he does not support extending the bar hours.

Mandatory bar tending training

Davidson noted that Joliet requires bar tenders to go through training to recognize when patrons are drunk and to stop serving them. This could be something senate members could team with extending the bar hours, he said, to show council members students are interested in more than just drinking an additional hour.

Kelley, who tends bar at Marty's and has gone through training at another bar in Chicago, liked the idea. She said it cost her \$36 for a three-year certification, but the benefits of recognizing problem patrons outweighed the financial cost.

Test run

Martinelli liked the idea of incorporating a temporary extension of bar hours for a semester or year to see how it would work.

He said most research is from bigger cities like Champaign, which is harder to compare to Charleston.

Student Patrol/Neighborhood watch

Another idea suggested was the formation of a student patrol, possibly in conjunction with residential neighborhood watch groups.

These students would patrol the areas between the Square and campus to assist drunk students.

Kelley liked this idea because she's seen women walking home by themselves before after she gets off her shift, she said.

"At least they would have someone to walk with," she said.

The committee plans to present the ideas to the Charleston City Council after more research.

VIEWS

TUESDAY

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COLUMNIST | JAY PREFONTAINE

I got Jesus.
How about you?

"Jesus Camp" is a wonderful film about young boys and girls learning special things from Pastor Becky Flescher at a place called "Kids on Fire Summer Camp."

Rent this movie immediately, because everybody needs to be aware of these types of places where children are taught to become dedicated Christian soldiers in God's army.

I feel born again after watching "Jesus Camp"; in fact, I am so moved I'm thinking about starting a Jesus camp in Charleston, maybe right here on campus at Eastern. I want to help spread the word that Warlocks are enemies of God.

Pastor Becky says, "Had it been the Old Testament, Harry Potter would have been put to death!" I've never heard anything so right.

The Devil goes after the young, so I want to educate and protect them by doing things like having them all put their little hands together in a circle so I can pour bottled water on them to wash away Satan. "No more!" I'll shout. "No morrrrrrrre." Then I'll school them on Church and State by making them smash coffee mugs with a hammer to represent the exorcism of the Devil from this great Nation. Oh, they'll love it. Smashing things is fun!

Imagine your children or your younger brothers and sisters at my Jesus camp, Jay's Jesus Camp. I'll gather them at Lantz Arena and I'll shout, "Take the prophecies and do what the Apostle Paul said and make war with them!" Picture their faces painted dark green and black — a splash of red. "This means war!" I'll shout with my arms extended straight out from my sides to remind them of Jesus.

"V-I-C-T-O-R-Y that's the Trojan battle cry!" I'll shout, and the children will stiff-arm their little fists in the air. It will be so great! I'll have them all on their knees speaking in tongues around a life-size cardboard cutout of George W. Bush, and I'll point at Him and shout, "Mr. President!" and the kids will shout, "Mr. President!" and then I'll shout, "One Nation under God," and the kids will shout, "One Nation under God!" And then we'll all shout it together, the whole thing, even louder, and we'll cheer as though we're at a Super Bowl party, and I'll turn to one of my adult volunteers and say, "They learn fast, don't they?"

Jay's Jesus Camp will train children to be in God's army and to do God's will, which as everyone knows is to take back America for Christ. Envision the awesomeness: a religious, political army of foot soldiers being directed by a political right. A lot of them will die for God and they won't even be afraid!

Be ready to send your children to Jay's Jesus Camp, to urge your parents to send your young brothers and sisters to Jay's Jesus Camp and to volunteer to work at Jay's Jesus Camp. And after Jay's Jesus Camp becomes successful, I'll take some of my Evangelical Christian dollars and buy a big building uptown somewhere and start my own church: The Church of What Jesus Really Meant.

So join me. America's political future depends on it.

Jay
Prefontaine

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ourview

Cops should control kegs

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completely, but, because of a large outcry from students, officials settled for a model like Charleston's law.

For other university communities to model themselves off Charleston shows how our current policies have been effective. But they can always improve.

Many other college communities are considering changing the issuance of keg permits. This month, Oxford, Mississippi, home of the University of Mississippi, is proposing a similar ordinance. The Oxford Board of Alderman drafted a proposal requiring keg permits to go through the city clerk's office. The board also considered sending permits through the police department.

These ordinances are proposed to increase safety in communities, but with new proposals come new questions.

Helping to dismiss the proposal of banning kegs in the community, the *Western Courier* and students at Western protested and raised many questions concerning the

safety of banning kegs altogether.

Kegs are closed containers and students don't need to worry about date rape drugs being in them, unlike mixed drinks like jungle juice, which aren't as protected, they said.

In addition, kegs create less garbage. Cups are refilled, while bottles and cans are not.

We feel that the current proposal does not intrude too much on students. Working through the police department will prove to be a safer, more effective method while still allowing individuals to purchase one keg per day.

However, we at *The Daily Eastern News* will continue to look out in the students' interests, and make sure that if this ordinance is passed, police are not abusing their power.

At the same time, students will need to realize that police will have an easier access to which houses are throwing keggers. Therefore, it will be in everyone's best interest that people throwing keggers are sure to keep everyone safe and not create an atmosphere for violence and other criminal activity.

Before the ordinance is passed, the city council is allowing all citizens to look it over.

The potential ordinance is available to the public at Charleston City Hall in the square.

We urge interested and affected students to look over this information and give the city council requests on behalf of all students and community members. The next city council meeting is at 7:30 p.m. April 10.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.
Reach the Opinions editor at DENopinions@gmail.com.

DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAVID PENNELL



OTHER VIEWS | NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Prior to his indictment in 2005 on bank and wire fraud charges, NYU student Hakan Yalincak donated \$1.25 million to the university — money that was allegedly obtained from traders on the false premise that it would be invested in a hedge fund.

NYU is asking that it be allowed to keep \$200,000 — it doesn't want to go into the red because of Yalincak's crime.

Yes, NYU is a victim, but so are the investors. We should be the good guy here and return the \$200,000 — a relatively insignificant sum compared to NYU's multi-billion-dollar operating budget. That amount of money might be a life-changing loss to the investors that Yalincak defrauded.

FEATURED BLOGGER

"Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are fooling everyone into thinking that they are adopting these kids to try and raise international adoption awareness, or make them seem more worldly and sophisticated."

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» Suicide

FROM PAGE 1

As an intern at the counseling center, Contractor said she felt the event created more awareness.

Other topics covered included depression, anxiety, eating disorders and sleep problems.

Counselor Cara Pschirrer discussed the differences between "having the blues" and actual depression, noting that depression is long-term and is accompanied by thoughts of suicide. She also agreed with audience members who said that depression is often hidden.

"A lot of times, people become very good about faking how they feel inside," Pschirrer said. "They may be the life of the party who have found coping with drinking or drug use."

Two fliers were placed at each seat for students in attendance, which offered advice on ways to sleep better and 14 ways to positively cope with stress.

Cox explained the coping strategies in detail for the audience

with advice such as trying not to harm others and keeping healthy romantic relationships.

"The best way to know your character is to take a look at your friends," Cox said.

Ryan Senesac, a sophomore physical education major, said the event was very relevant for him as a risk manager for the fraternity Lambda Chi Alpha.

"Every risk manager should have been here, in my opinion," Senesac said. "A lot of good information can come out of this."

The interactive event had gift bags at every seat, filled with items related to stress prevention such as water bottles, incense, tea and granola bars.

The center provided raffles for an iPod nano, an iPod shuffle and a Homedic relaxation chair. Participation was encouraged from the audience by providing extra raffle tickets to students who contributed to the discussions.

The counseling center has featured off-campus speakers, but Cox considers this year's emphasis



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Stephanie Harker, a counselor at the counseling center, points out students who were telling some of the ways that they cope with problems at school during the annual conference on suicide prevention in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday.

on students to be a success.

"We've been very fortunate; every year has been very successful,"

Cox said. "We have a little more (tonight) than we normally have. We love the students."

» IBHE

FROM PAGE 1

"It's kind of being created for me," Anderson said. "I would lobby once a month in Springfield for higher education."

If not elected to the position, or if the position is not created, he plans to continue his involvement with the committee.

Anderson expects the initiative

to remain strong even if he doesn't take charge of it.

Schools across the state have been conducting their own Campus Safety Weeks.

"I feel I have empowered schools," Anderson said.

Anderson was also awarded the Quiet Influence of the Year award.

Chapin Rose was named the Legislator of the Year.

He was not even aware that he won that award.

"As someone who used to be a

student trustee, it is a great honor," Rose said. "Higher education is near and dear to my heart."

Rose has been working to create a task force between the Illinois House and Senate Higher Education committees.

The task force would address issues on affordability of higher education, workforce readiness, faculty and staff retention, campus safety, state funding and infrastructure needs and global competitiveness.

"Chapin sees potential for this," Anderson said.

In other business, the grant for the No Child Left Behind Act was reviewed.

The grant would give about \$1.2 million to six schools across the state.

Eastern would receive about \$230,000 of the grant.

The grant would improve instructional leadership of school administrators and improve teaching performance in partner

schools of Eastern.

Also, elections for the executive members of IBHE-SAC took place.

No students from Eastern were elected, said Eastern voting representative Alison Kostelich.

The next IBHE-SAC meeting will take place in June at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills.

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Jeff Glaeser, a freshman history major, enjoys smoking double-apple-flavored tobacco with some of his friends outside of their residence hall, Thomas Hall, on Monday.



Sophomore Gina Lobianco takes a break to read Jack Kerouac's "Lonesome Traveler" in the Library Quad on Monday afternoon. "Some pleasure reading when I should really be reading some other stuff," Lobianco said.



Ashley Turner, a sophomore finance major, and Claire Harmon, a freshman art major, discuss their plans for the night while on the swings at Morton Park on Monday.

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Three shot to death in Danville

No arrests have been made yet, police say

The Associated Press

DANVILLE — Police said they had leads but had made no arrests Monday in the weekend shooting deaths of three people at a duplex next door to a Danville fire station.

"The detective group is working on some leads, but that's all we

have right now," police and fire spokesman Larry Thomason said of the Sunday shootings.

Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson on Monday identified two of the victims as 30-year-old Rodney Pepper and 19-year-old Madisen Leverenz, both of Danville. Johnson, however, declined to release the name of the third victim, a 19-year-old Danville woman, citing a request for privacy made by the woman's mother.

"That's the way I'm leaving it," Johnson said. "I'm just going to honor her request."

Johnson also declined to discuss the details of autopsies conducted on the three Monday, other than to say they died of gunshot wounds.

At least one of the three lived in the duplex, Thomason said earlier.

A passer-by saw Pepper lying on the street just after 10 a.m. Sunday and rushed to the fire station to inform authorities, said Thomason

and Lt. Rick Gibson, of the Danville Fire Department.

As firefighters tried to revive Pepper, police officers noticed a broken plate-glass window at the duplex that he appeared to have jumped through, authorities said. Officers found the women inside the house.

The three killings were the first in Danville this year, Thomason said, matching the city's total for 2006.

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Jurors begin deliberations in Midwest's first Vioxx trial

» EDWARDSVILLE — Jurors on Monday began weighing whether a 52-year-old woman's fatal 2003 heart attack was the result of her poor health or the once-blockbuster painkiller Vioxx.

Attorneys for Patty Schwaller's widower urged jurors during closing arguments to sock Merck & Co. in the pocketbook for allegedly failing to sufficiently warn consumers that the drug increased the risk of cardiovascular problems.

Schwaller took Vioxx about 20 months before suddenly collapsing in her Granite City home near St. Louis in August 2003 and dying.

Ex-singer for Chicago punk band arrested

Anthony Lovato is suspect in fatal stabbing of man

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The former lead singer of suburban Chicago punk rock band Mest was arrested on suspicion of fatally stabbing a 25-year-old man during an argument, police said.

Anthony Lovato, 26, was being held on \$1 million bail pending an investigation of criminal

homicide, said Officer Mike Lopez of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Lovato and another man were arguing early Sunday in the parking structure of an apartment building when the man punched Lovato, Lopez said. Lovato pulled out a pocketknife and stabbed the man numerous times, authorities said. When police arrived at the scene, they found the victim wounded on the ground. He died later at a hospital.

Lt. Andrew Neiman said Lovato was calm and cooperative when police arrived.

"He did in fact call the police, call 911, after

the incident and remained on the scene (to) surrender himself," he said.

Authorities said Lovato and the victim had been involved with the same woman at different times, and police had been called to her apartment Saturday night when the two men fought, but no one was arrested at that time.

Lovato and his brother Matt formed Mest in 1995 in Blue Island, (Ill.) and recorded several albums on Madonna's Maverick label and performed on the Warped Tour, a touring music and extreme sports festival, in 2003.

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The Associated Press

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Kia Vaughn had 17 points and 10 rebounds while dominating the paint to power Rutgers to a 64-45 victory over Arizona State on Monday night in the Greensboro Regional final, clinching the Scarlet Knights' second trip to the national semifinals.

Matee Ajavon had 20 points, Essence Carson added 11 and Epiphanny Prince had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Scarlet Knights (26-8), who led by 24 and held a 48-26 rebounding advantage in winning their seventh straight.

Now it's on to Cleveland, where they will face LSU from the Fresno Regional on Sunday in the Final Four.

The fourth-seeded Scarlet Knights (26-8) almost saw their season end Saturday when top-seeded Duke had a chance to win it

in the final second. But ACC player of the year Lindsey Harding missed two free throws with 0.1 second left and Rutgers escaped with a stunning 53-52 upset.

LSU 73, Connecticut 50

FRESNO, Calif. — The talk coming into the NCAA tournament was about the coach LSU was missing. It's the center who is still dominating the middle that lifted the Lady Tigers to their fourth straight Final Four.

Sylvia Fowles overpowered

Connecticut with 23 points, 15 rebounds and an intimidating defensive performance that led third-seeded LSU over the top-seeded Huskies.

A team in turmoil heading into the tournament after head coach Pokey Chatman abruptly resigned March 7 amid allegations of improper conduct with a former player, LSU (30-7) shook off any distractions and won four straight games under acting coach Bob Starkey.

The longtime assistant for both

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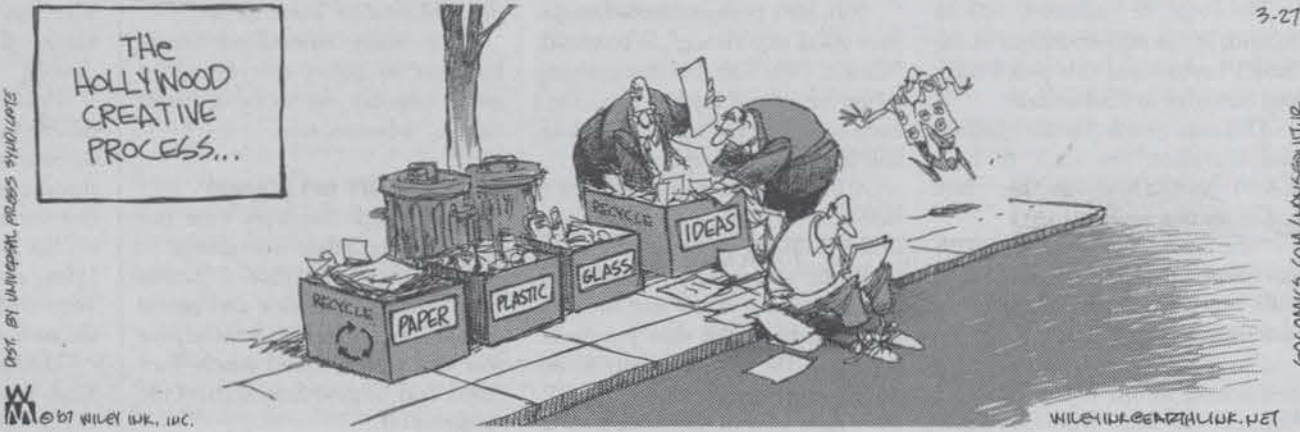
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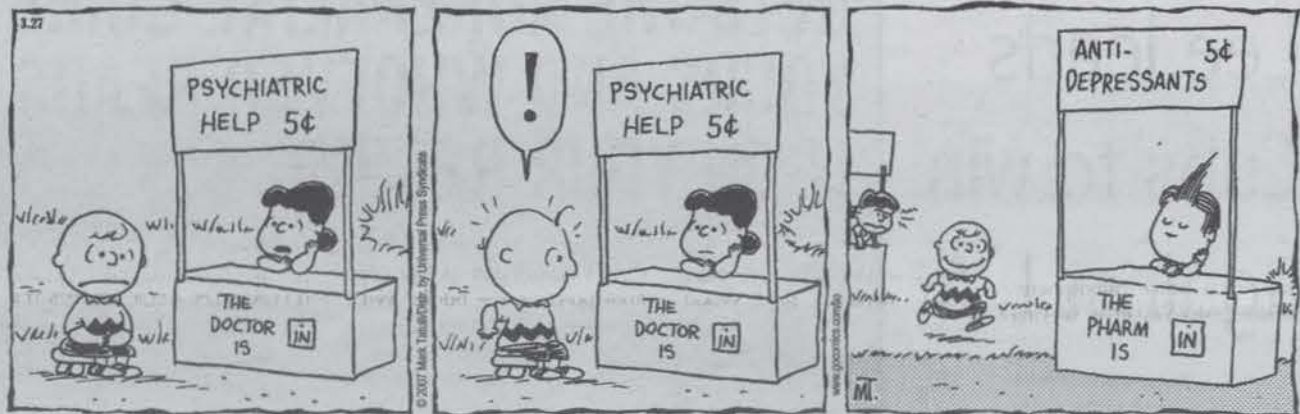
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 - 19 Attorney—
 - 20 Gets in the game
 - 21 Prude
 - 23 Like bookie joints, sometimes
 - 25 Forever and a day
 - 26 That, south of the border
 - 27 Some pitches at baseball stadiums
 - 28 Ja Rule's genre
 - 30 Wealthy widow
 - 33 Cold war side
 - 35 Wee one
 - 37 Vertical, at sea
 - 38 Hardly a beauty queen
 - 42 Debate topic
 - 45 Tariff
 - 46 Separate into lights and darks, say
 - 50 Perpetual
 - 53 Danger for a fly
 - 55 Stephen of "Citizen X"
 - 56 "Rope-a-dope" boxer
 - 57 Cleanse (of)
 - 59 Reversible fabric
 - 61 Natty dresser
 - 65 It may be at a tilt
 - 66 "The Tempest" spirit
 - 67 Sourpuss
 - 69 Fan mags
 - 70 Rick's love in "Casablanca"
 - 71 Borscht need
 - 72 3 on a par 5
 - 73 Nikita's "no"
 - 74 Exxon abroad
- DOWN**
- 1 Dry as a desert
 - 2 Song words before "We stand on guard for thee"
 - 3 Driller and filler
 - 4 Threw in
 - 5 Lawyers' org.
 - 6 The Quakers of the Ivy League
 - 7 Nostalgic number
 - 8 What you may have to do for goods bought by mail order
 - 9 "Old Cowhand" (1936 Bing Crosby hit)
 - 10 One with a staff position?
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 - 13 Buffalo's home
 - 18 Belgian river
 - 22 Brian of early Roxy Music
 - 24 Facts and figures

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- 31 Pasty-faced
- 32 King Kong's kin
- 34 Concerto, e.g.
- 36 Blasting material
- 39 Tennis do-over
- 40 It may be cut by an uppercut
- 41 Took a bough?
- 42 Confused
- 43 Sunrooms
- 44 Taking potshots
- 47 Juicy fruits
- 48 Bails out
- 49 Learns easily
- 51 1960's-70's Boston Garden hero
- 52 Hybrid language
- 54 Salve
- 58 Dawdle
- 60 Waffler's answer
- 62 Banana discard
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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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OUTDOOR TRACK | NOTEBOOK

Akers adds athletes from other sports

Swimmers, rugby and basketball players also participate in track

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

The winter sports are done.

Now it is time for spring and other athletes that contributed in winter sports to help out the track and field team.

Senior Marlies Davison, a swimmer and rugby player, is competing in her first year on the team.

She ran 2 minutes, 23.26 seconds in the 800-meter run at the Saluki Invitational this past Friday and Saturday in Carbondale.

Distance coach Geoff Masanet said Davison ran track in high school and raced in her first collegiate race on Saturday.

"She went into that race with low expectations," Masanet said. "She finished strong and followed race strategy pretty well."

Davison, in swimming, set a new school record in the 200-yard freestyle at the Mid-Continent

Conference Championship race. She did not compete in rugby this past year to concentrate on swimming.

Sophomore women's basketball player Rachel Galligan competes often throws the javelin.

Galligan was named to the All-OVC team this season after leading the Panthers in points per game.

Freshman thrower improving

Freshman thrower Darius White finished in 10th place with a throw of 13.92-meters at the Saluki Invitational. It is a personal record for him.

"(To set a personal record) was a very good experience," White said. "Coach (Wallace) has been trying to get me to use my left arm. She's been trying to get to use my block and keep my head up."

A block is the term used for a thrower when one uses the left arm in the throwing rotation.

White said he is concentrating on the hammer throw and the shot put, practicing the shot put twice per week. The team normally works on the shot put only once.

"I have a lot of footwork stuff to

get done," White said.

Blondell sets personal record

Senior Jillian Blondell won the steeplechase at the Saluki Invitational. The steeplechase is a 3,000-meter race with hurdles and water obstacles.

"She's at a whole new level now," Masanet said.

Blondell won the event in 11 minutes, 26.30 seconds.

"She's got a shot at being the conference champion," Masanet said.

It is a personal record for Blondell as she moves into third place all-time on Eastern's list.

"She really committed herself last year to doing everything she could possibly do to be a better runner," Masanet said.

Some runners not present

Some track members were not present at the Saluki Invitational.

Freshman distance runner Erin O'Grady was sick and senior distance runner Dan Strackeljohn was also absent. Head coach Tom Akers said he gave Strackeljohn the weekend off.

» Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

Eastern Kentucky won the OVC tournament but was handed a No. 16 seed in the NCAA tournament – and loss in the first round to North Carolina.

The Redhawks led Oklahoma early in the first half. Southeast Missouri's last lead of the game came with eight minutes left in the first half.

The Redhawks also controlled the work of Oklahoma's Courtney Paris.

Paris had only three rebounds in the first half and twice the Redhawks ripped the ball from her strong hands.

Paris, the Big 12 player of the year and All-American candidate, barely finished with a double double.

Paris has recorded a double double for 61 consecutive games.

Southeast Missouri will be a threat again when it returns four of five starters for next year.

The only loss will be Lachelle Lyles, a senior who was a First-Team All-Conference player and the nation's leading rebounder.

The Redhawks have made acting head coach John Ishee, the 2007 OVC Coach of the Year, into the

full-time head coach and will be back for a second year at SEMO.

What are Eastern's chances?

The Panthers will return with an experienced class, led by First-Team OVC center Rachel Galligan.

Galligan was a threat inside all season, posting eight double-doubles and leading the team with 499 points.

The OVC freshman of the year, guard Jessica Huffman, was second on the team in scoring with 490 points.

If she learns to control her ball handling, she can be an unstoppable force. The Panthers will also get Megan Edwards back next season.

Edwards suffered a season-ending knee injury during the Panthers' second exhibition game against Missouri-Saint Louis. Edwards had the fifth-best free throw percentage among freshmen in the nation during the 2005-06 season.

She also averaged 10.5 points per game.

Parity is needed in the game through hard work if Eastern or any OVC school wants to make a difference and be the Marist of the future.

Coaches say parity is present all the time. This year it was evident.

Marist proved that as a mid-major it could compete.

How about Eastern?

MLB | SPRING TRAINING

Lee leads Cubs to win against L.A.

By the Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Cubs sluggers Derek Lee and Aramis Ramirez each had three hits and two RBIs, leading Chicago to an 8-7 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Monday.

Angels left-hander Joe Saunders allowed eight hits and seven runs, six earned, in six innings. With Bartolo Colon and Jered Weaver opening the season on the disabled list, Saunders will fill a vacant spot in Los Angeles' rotation.

"There were a few bleeders and a few bad pitches," Saunders said.

It was his first ineffective outing of the spring.

"He threw a lot better than his linescore," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Some of the hits were seeing-eye hits and I think there were four broken-bat hits."

Lee had two doubles and a single, and Ramirez had two singles and a double. Cliff Floyd, Henry Blanco and Ryan Theriot had two hits each for the Cubs.

Giants ride Cain to win

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Matt Cain went six innings, catcher Bengie Molina worked nine and closer Armando Benitez got an impressive four-out save.

For the San Francisco Giants, Monday's 3-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox was about as close to a real game as they've played all spring.

They ended a six-game skid, too — the club's longest in exhibition play since losing seven straight in March 2001.

Benitez, booed almost every time he pitched during an injury-shortened 2006 season, pumped his fist in celebration and received a hug and a handshake from Molina after Tadahito Iguchi struck out on a slider to end it. Iguchi already had homered, tripled and singled in the game.

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BASEBALL | NOTEBOOK

Derbak takes over at closer

Freshman starts at second base in addition to pitching

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

Freshman Richie Derbak has replaced senior Chris Vaculik as the closer for the time being because head coach Jim Schmitz said he has to go with whomever is getting the job done.

That was evident this weekend when Derbak came in the ninth inning of the first game of the series this weekend.

Derbak was thrown in with the bases loaded, no outs and a Tennessee Tech runner in scoring position that could potentially tie the game.

Derbak held TTU to one run and managed to strike out their number one hitter, Brian Sprowl.

Schmitz said he is impressed with Derbak's three different pitches, his ability to throw strikes and his change up.

Schmitz said when he pitched in the fall his change up was what made him stand out, even though he wasn't hitting the ball as well as Schmitz wanted.

"I hate the line, he's a baseball player, but he really is," Schmitz

said. "It's such a silly line, but he just knows the game."

Peppenhorst gets more action

Kory Peppenhorst is another freshman on the team that has stepped into a major role, replacing senior Jason Cobb at catcher.

Schmitz said Peppenhorst's "even-keel" attitude that used to get on his nerves is now what makes him successful.

"He had some big passed balls, when I say passed balls probably half of them are wild pitches but some big misses in spring break," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said he doesn't like the passed balls because it ruins the chances of getting a double play.

"So for a freshman he wasn't OK, everything wasn't OK," Schmitz said. "He was just like, 'I'll get better, I'll get better.'"

Now Schmitz said his ability to stay "even-keel" behind the plate helps out the entire team.

"I know he struggles with things," Schmitz said. "I know he gets a little frustrated. But, boy, it's nice to have that guy back there that's like 'Hey, everything is going to be OK.'"

Schmitz impressed with bullpen

Schmitz said he has also been impressed with Tyler Brandon, a transfer from Parkland Community

College in Champaign.

Brandon didn't give up a single run in the 3 and 1/3 innings he pitched in the second game of the series this weekend against Tennessee Tech.

"I feel real good about the numbers we can bring into the game, the number of people that can get us out of jams or just close and do well," Schmitz said.

Huber has chance in the pros

Schmitz said senior first baseman Erik Huber has a good chance of making it in the major leagues because of his versatility.

Schmitz said the coaching staff gets a lot of calls about Huber.

He said there was around ten pro scouts on scout day in the fall looking at him.

"The only question was where were the power numbers, would they come out," Schmitz said. "I just think (Huber is) in the process and now he is starting to take off and shows he has the power to hit at the next level."

Huber proved that this weekend in the second game going 4-for-5 and hitting two home runs in two straight at-bats.

He can play almost seven of the nine positions and is only playing first base because that is where the Panthers need him, Schmitz said.

» Rotation

FROM PAGE 12

Kehrer struggled in his start Saturday, lasting only 1 2/3 innings.

The freshman gave up five runs on four hits and walked two batters.

Schmitz said Monday that Vaculik will start today's game. Kehrer will start Wednesday's game.



Tyler Kehrer
Freshman
starting pitcher

"You basically have seven or eight guys that you have to have ready," Schmitz said. "It's kind of unfair to certain kids, but I got seven or eight guys and two of them (Vaculik and Kehrer) did not have a good weekend."

Vaculik pitched 1 2/3 innings and gave up two runs on two hits.

Vaculik, the program's all-time saves leader, has struggled this season and posted a 12.75 ERA in 10 appearances.

He hasn't made a start this season, but has started 13 games in his career at Eastern.

"I haven't had the senior season I've wanted," Vaculik said. "(The mid-week games) are an opportunity to get my teammates to have confidence in me and confidence in myself. If I can get

on a roll and gain some confidence with these games, I can kind of get my season back on track."

Last Wednesday, Eastern defeated Chicago State 5-2 in a game that saw Schmitz use six different pitchers.

Sophomore Brian Morrell started the game; his first of the year, and the 6-foot-7 lefthander threw three innings and gave up a run on two hits.

Following Morrell was junior right hander Tyler Brandon, who threw two innings.

The next four pitchers used all threw one inning each.

Morrell said the team works more in terms of how many innings a pitcher throws than just solely on pitch counts.

"Mid-week games, I think, we're all just looking to throw as well as we can and try to show coaches what we can do," he said. "If you're only in there for three innings, there's no reason to hold something back. Throw as hard as you can and make as many good pitches as you can."

Schmitz said Vaculik is expected to throw the first four innings of today's game, while Kehrer is slated for the first three innings in Wednesday's game.

Mid-week games are crucial to the team, Schmitz said because the team can gain confidence and take the confidence into the weekend series. Last year, Eastern went 7-4 in mid-week games once conference play started.

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WEDNESDAY at IUPUI |
3:30 p.m. Indianapolis

BASEBALL

WEDNESDAY at Indiana State |
5 p.m. Terre Haute, Ind.

TENNIS

SATURDAY at Tennessee-Martin |
Doubleheader 11 a.m. Martin, Tenn.

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RUNNING WITH THE PACK

Can Panthers
be the next
Red Foxes?

Today the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament field has been narrowed to six.

There is not an Ohio Valley Conference school among them.

Of course there isn't, not with perennial powers like Tennessee and North Carolina leading the way.

This year, the year of major teams from power conferences changed for the most part.

Women's college basketball is changing. Slowly and surely.

Marist, a No. 13 seed was this year's George Mason.

They upset No. 4 seed Ohio State, the Big Ten Women's regular season champion. The Red Foxes limited pre-season All-American Jessica Davenport to 13 points and five rebounds.

The Red Foxes then upset No. 5 Middle Tennessee State.

Marist, a school from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, stopped the Blue Raiders' 27-game win streak and limited Middle Tennessee to a season low of 59 points.

What does all this mean?

It shows that smaller schools hang tough with other schools, and not every skilled female basketball player is going to Duke, Connecticut or Tennessee. They are across the country.

This is important for the women's game if they want to see it grow.

Southeast Missouri, the Ohio Valley Conference representative, was a No. 14 seed.

That seeding was better than its male OVC counterparts.

» SEE MURPHY
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BASEBALL | EASTERN VS. SAINT LOUIS

Ruffled Rotation

Mid-week starters
change frequentlyBy Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Jim Schmitz doesn't have a set mid-week pitching rotation for every week.

Eastern's baseball manager said decisions on who will start mid-week games is done on a week-to-week basis.

For Schmitz, the crucial games are the weekend series against Ohio Valley Conference opponents.

But this week, the Panthers have two non-conference games before this weekend's three-game set at Tennessee-Martin.

Eastern hosts Saint Louis today, then heads to Indiana State on Wednesday.

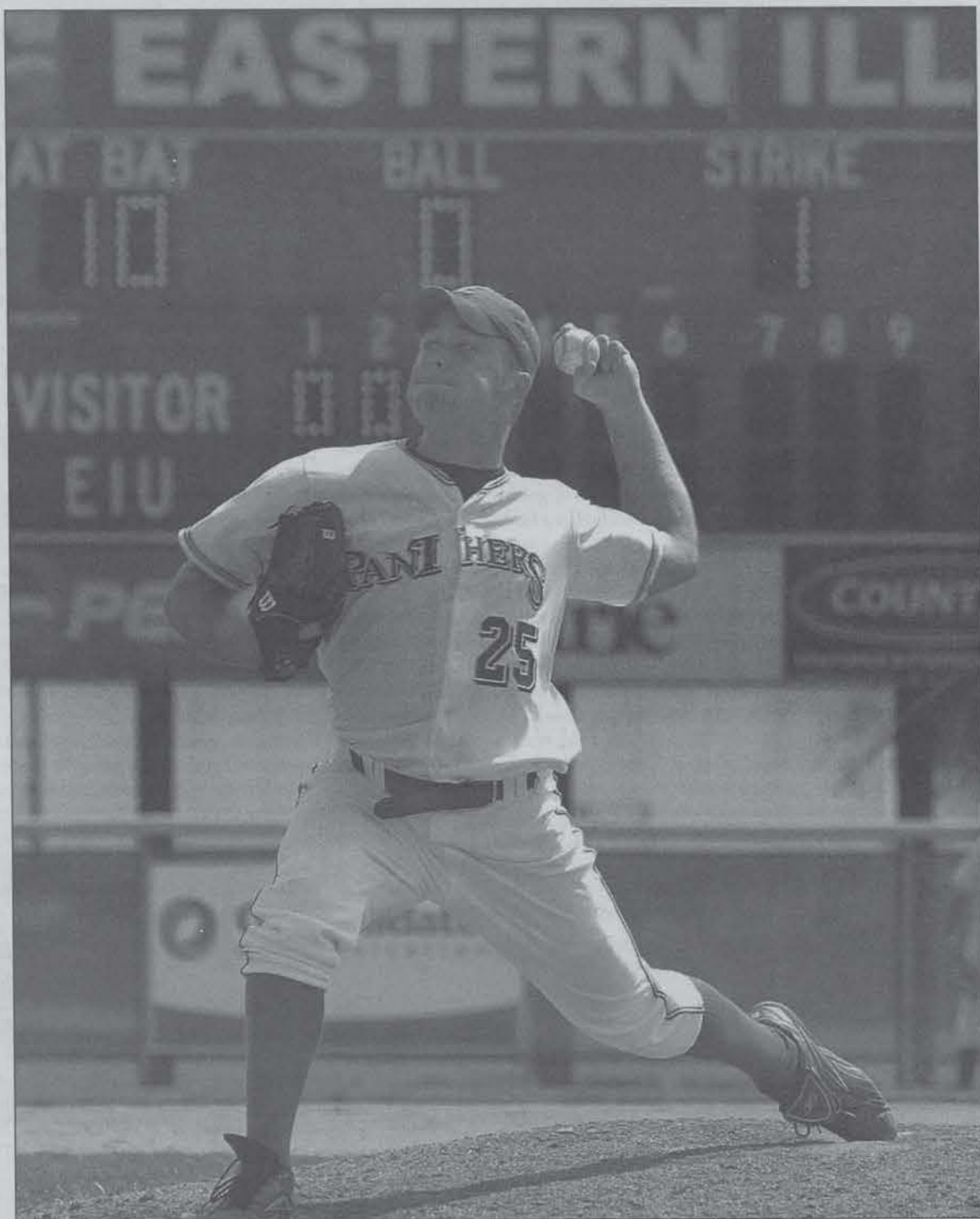
Schmitz has the task of deciding who's going to pitch what games and also managing to find innings for pitchers to stay fresh.

The Panthers carry 15 pitchers on the roster, and 14 have thrown at least one inning this year.

Eastern opened up OVC play this weekend in a three-game series against Tennessee Tech and started Brandon Murphy, Tyler Kehrner and Mike Manns. But just because those three pitched this weekend's series, doesn't mean they are guaranteed spots for next weekend's series.

"There's a little competition right now," Schmitz said. "And I don't know if I've created it. It's not a bad thing. The guys that have come through have done well."

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JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior pitcher Mike Manns and the Panthers will host the University of St. Louis at 3 p.m. today at Coaches Field. Eastern has two non-conferences games this week before an OVC series against Tennessee-Martin.

TENNIS | NOTEBOOK

Men's team reaches '06 win total

Panthers' 10 wins this season
match total wins last yearBy Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

The men's squad won 10 matches last year, and only three in the Ohio Valley Conference to finish seventh.

This year the Panthers (10-3, 3-2 OVC) have already matched those win totals and have put themselves in a prime position to make the OVC Tournament.

Eastern is currently in fourth place.

Only the top six of the 10 conference schools qualify for the conference tournament.

The Panthers have defeated three teams (Morehead State, 6th), (Tennessee-Martin, 7th) and (Austin Peay, 8th) that were picked higher than them in the preseason poll.

"It's really important," said senior Chuck LeVaque. "It puts us in a good position (to get in the OVC Tournament)."

The men's squad was picked to finish in a tie with Austin Peay for eighth in the conference.

Women's team exceeds expectations

The women's squad won only six matches last year and only two in OVC play.

This year, they have improved those numbers.

They have a winning record (8-7, 3-2) with six matches to play and currently sit in fifth place in the OVC.

Only the top six conference schools of 11 qualify for the conference tournament.

MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

» 10-3 overall, 3-2 Ohio Valley



Chuck LeVaque
- No. 1 singles -

LeVaque leads men's team with 8-2 singles record.

- » **Chuck LeVaque:** Senior
- » **Brandon Lenfert:** Senior
- » **Sean Bush:** Junior
- » **Chris Thomas:** Junior
- » **Vuk Milicevic:** Sophomore
- » **Jordan Nestrud:** Sophomore
- » **Jeff Rutherford:** Freshman
- » **Ryan Vogt:** Freshman
- » **Alex Walczak:** Freshman

Weather a factor in matches

On Sunday, the Panthers played in hot temperatures in Clarksville, Tenn.

According to weather.com, temperatures were in the mid-60s, but Eastern athletes said it felt warmer.

"We're not used to that kind of weather," LeVaque said.

But LeVaque said the team has been conditioned to prepare for warmer temperatures.

The Panthers defeated Austin Peay, 5-2 in both the men's and women's matches.

The weather played a factor in the Eastern men's 5-2 win against Saint Louis on Thursday, only their second home meet of the season.

The Panthers' match was moved indoors to Lantz Fieldhouse because of the storm.

In the Panthers' 5-2 win against Morehead State on March 10, they were limited to three

WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM

» 8-7 overall, 3-2 Ohio Valley



Sandra Sasidharan
- No. 1 singles -

Sasidharan has won all but two singles matches in straight sets.

- » **Madina Mambetova:** Senior
- » **Stephanie Harmazy:** Junior
- » **Sam Lininger:** Junior
- » **Sandra Sasidharan:** Junior
- » **Natalie Martin:** Sophomore
- » **Jenny Will:** Sophomore
- » **Hayley Homburg:** Freshman
- » **Carrie Larson:** Freshman
- » **Annie Munch:** Freshman

courts because of cracks in the playing surface caused by the winter weather.

Panthers beat the best

On Saturday, the women's tennis team defeated the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks, the 2005 and 2006 OVC champions.

Junior Sandra Sasidharan said it made the team believe that they can beat anybody.

The OVC coaches selected the Panther women to finish in eighth place this season

Sasidharan still perfect

Sasidharan, Eastern's No. 1 singles player, kept her perfect singles record intact.

The junior said it feels good but she is not too concerned with it and realizes the season is not over.

The OVC selected Sasidharan as the No. 8 singles player in the preseason.